

SENATOR KELLY: Mr. President and Members of the body. I would support the Carpenter motion and not on the basis to embarrass anybody. There has been a lot of money made in Nebraska last year and this year and this is the first time I've ever heard of a government letting the people keep what they make. I think its got a lot of merit. I think those hundreds and thousands of people that make up the Governor's budget, I think they know what they're doing and I think they've done an excellent job of it. Maybe we can improve it some--maybe we can't but we are not abrogating our responsibility, we would be approving and voting what the people would pay for their government, but in this vein I would support wholeheartedly the idea started by Senator Kremer and carried on by Senator Schmit and so forth, that we don't let all of the other bills set because there are many things that this body's responsible for other than just the money in the organization and operation of the various government services and I think we should explore diligently all of the other bills that have nothing to do with the spending of money.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Warner. Senator Burbach is passing, Senator Warner. Senator Warner, then Frank Lewis.

SENATOR WARNER: Well, Mr. President and Members of the Legislature, I would agree with those who perhaps on the initial thought would like to stick the Governor with what, what he's proposing. However, it seems to me that if there is an adverse effect, it's not going to be apparent in the next twelve months or even before the next election but will show up sometime after that by and large. It seems to me then for a short term benefit, we may be sharing an irresponsible action with the Governor that will have a definite long term deficit effect upon the State. There has been quite a bit said about the problems of agriculture which also will be reflected in ag business generally, the severe lossess which many of--people have experienced during the winter, late fall. There isn't any doubt in my mind that you're going to find property taxes almost impossible to--for many individuals come next fall and even if something is done on property taxes at this session, it could only have minimal effect and really wouldn't have a great effect until two years from now as far as getting some relief in this area. I do want to straighten one thing out that Senator Duis indicated the Education Committee had killed the Governor's bill. We did not. We killed his limitation bill. His own staff will tell you that his limitation bill had no effect, could not have no effect upon the coming year expenses; had it been introduced in January and passed in January, perhaps it could have but over half the contracts are now signed in the state with teachers. There is no way for the Legislature to pass a law that would nullify those contracts and secondly, also the bill did not even have an introduced--as it was introduced, did not carry the emergency clause and it would not have gone into effect by and large until budgets were already set. Now there is a way which this can be accomplished but it could not have been accomplished through the Governor's bill. Secondly, it seems to me the question we face is whether we're going to accept the responsibilities for some of these areas. I'm a little perplexed, the Governor indicated, as I understood him, that we could use revenue sharing to reduce the income tax or rather, the sales tax and his same sentence he ta--or same remarks he talked about using it to reduce property tax and apparently didn't indicate either. It seems to me he was trying to imply to the public he was for both and obviously both could not be done, but it seems to me it would be in error, at least this morning, to vote to give the Governor his budget even though as tempting as it may be, but I think the adverse effect that Nebraska would see is one which would occur after election and I assume from the Governor's point of view, that's the appropriate time for it to occur but I don't want, as one, to participate in that type of, of an effect upon the State.